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3.	Bihar	15698	6972
4.	Delhi	188244	92136
5.	Gujarat	17399	3328
6.	Haryana	12889	5462
7.	Himachal Pradesh	39386	18078
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	6410	3352
9.	Karnataka	10289	3667
10.	Kerala	10593	496
11.	Madhya Pradesh	13491	5038
12.	Maharashtra	20072	4386
13.	North East	6077	2233
14.	Orissa	6711	3611
15.	Punjab	12683	4223
16.	Rajasthan	12515	3577
17.	Tamil Nadu	7972	3757
18.	Uttar Pradesh	13269	6209
19.	West Bengal	16637	6456

#### **Sambalpur-Talcher Rail Line**

3021. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the progress made in Sambalpur-Talcher rail line so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : Talcher to Angul (18 kms.) and Sambalpur to Maneswar (16 kms.) sections have already been commissioned. The overall progress is 77%. The work is expected to be completed during 1997-98.

#### **Electrification of Erode to Ernakulam Rail Route**

3022. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to Electrify railway routes from Erode to Ernakulam Junction;

(b) if so, the total estimated cost and total distance in kilometre thereof; and

(c) the time by which the above work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total estimated cost of electrification of Erode-Ernakulam section is Rs. 150.97 crores and total distance is 324 route kilometres.

(c) The section is targetted for completion by March' 2000.

#### **Delhi Telephone Directory**

3023. DR. Y. S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for inordinate delay in releasing the Delhi Telephone Directory and when it is likely to be issued to the public;

(b) whether it is a fact that telephone number of local telephone services are not at all available when required;

(c) whether the telephone numbers of various area Officers, right from the G.M are not available during office hours; and

(d) if so, the efforts proposed to be made to improve the efficiency of MTN Limited?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) After supply of 1994 issue of Directory, the Contractor failed to supply the subsequent issues. The contract has therefore to be cancelled and fresh tenders were floated in 1996. A single offer received was not found viable after evaluation. Therefore the tenders were floated again which have been opened on 4.3.97 and are under evaluation. The directory will be supplied within 6 to 9 months of finalisation of tender.

(b) No, Sir. The Directory enquiry service (No.197) is available round the clock.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Officers are available during office hours except when they go out for field visits, meetings and inspections. In their absence, their personal staff attached to these officers attend the telephone calls.

#### **Sickness of Neelachal -Ashok Hotel**

3024. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Hotel Neelachal-Ashok, Puri has fallen sick;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any steps are being taken to rescue the Hotel from sickness; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) and